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- Social Services - <http://ofs.hhsc.state.tx.us/mepd/mepd-bulletins.aspx> , and
- MEPD Handbook - [http://www.dads.state.tx.us/handbooks/mepd\\_policy/index.htm](http://www.dads.state.tx.us/handbooks/mepd_policy/index.htm).

The updated Appendix XXXI, Budget Reference Chart and the Handy Dandy Chart, reflecting the new FPIL amounts effective March 1, 2014 will be added to the OSS Website.

## **Background**

This bulletin provides information on the following new FPIL 2014 amounts for:

- Qualified Medicare Beneficiaries (QMB),
- Specified Low-Income Medicare Beneficiaries (SLMB),
- Qualifying Individuals (QI-1), and
- Qualified Disabled and Working Individuals (QDWI).

## **Policy/Procedure Update**

### QMB Income Limits

The new income limits for QMB cases with a medical effective date (MED) on or after March 1, 2014:

Individual: \$973 (+\$20 disregard) = \$993  
Couple: \$1,311 (+20 disregard) = \$1,331

The QMB deeming figure is \$338. The resource limits changed in 01/2014 for the QMB program. They are \$7,160 for an individual and \$10,750 for a couple.

#### SLMB Income Limits

The new income limits for SLMB cases with an MED on or after March 1, 2014:

Individual:     \$1,167 (+\$20 disregard) = \$1,187  
Couple:         \$1,573 (+\$20 disregard) = \$1,593

The SLMB deeming figure is \$406. The resource limits changed in 01/2014 for the SLMB program. They are \$7,160 for an individual and \$10,750 for a couple.

#### QI-1 Income Limits

The new income limits for QI-1 cases with an MED on or after March 1, 2014:

Individual:     \$1,313 (+\$20 disregard) = \$1,333  
Couple:         \$1,770 (+\$20 disregard) = \$1,790

The QI-1 deeming figure is \$457. The resource limits changed in 01/2014 for the QI-1 program. They are \$7,160 for an individual and \$10,750 for a couple.

#### QDWI Income Limits

The new income limits for QDWI cases with an MED on or after March 1, 2014:

Individual:     \$1,945 (+\$20 disregard) = \$1,965  
Couple:         \$2,622 (+\$20 disregard) = \$2,642

The QDWI deeming figure is \$677. The resource limits did not change in for the QDWI program. They are still \$4,000 for an individual and \$6,000 for a couple.

### **Handbook**

The MEPD Handbook, Chapter Q, Medicare Savings Programs, will be updated with the June 2014 revision.

### **Training**

All trainings will be updated accordingly.

**Effective Date**

The new 2014 FPIL are effective March 1, 2014. Use the updated FPIL beginning February 10, 2014 for any eligibility determination effective March 1, 2014 or later.